THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no airstrip at Velankanni.

Tourism Policy

2302. SMT. JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism policy was not given due share by the planners and enough was not done to promote tourism;

(b) if so, whether Government are seeking an outlay of Rs. 5,800 crore in the 9th Plan;

(c) whether Government have fixed any target of tourists by 2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) The overall resource constraints have effected allocation for promotion of tourism.

(b) The Department of Tourism has submitted the Working Group Report on Tourism for the 9th Five Year Plan seeking an outlay of Rs. 6397 crores for the development of tourism during 9th Five Year Plan.

(c) to (e) A target of 5 million tourists by 2000 A.D. has been fixed provided the requisite investment as planned would be available.

News-item "Supreme Court Ka Aitihasik Faisala"

2303. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Supreme Court Ka Aitihasik Faisala: High Court ko harja kharcha ada karne ke nirdesh: Poorv Registrar ke nilamban ka aadesh radd" appearing in the Jansatta dated 23rd November, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof, and the action Government have taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to bring to the notice of CAT, High Courts, Finance Ministry etc. to consider giving "harja kharcha" where Government/Banks are held responsible for taking action against its employees violating the laid down procedure, rules, regulations and judgements of the Supreme Court of universal nature; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Governmen thas come to know of the order of the Supreme Court from the news reports. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 680 of 1994 decided on November 22, 1994 has directed the Respondent-High Court of Rajasthan to pay Rs. 10,000/- as costs to the petitioner. The award is that of cost and not compensation. In compliance with the direction of the Supreme Court the High Court has paid a sum of Rs. 10,000/- Shri R.C. Sood, the petitioner who was then posted as District Judge, Pratap Garh.

(c) No Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

Programme for Bypassing Cardiac Surgery

2304. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bypassing Cardiac Surgery" appearing in Hindustan Times dated 10th July, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Dr. Bimal Chhajer is conducting a programme for heart patients which enables the patients to avoid surgery;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to encourage such programmes by giving financial help?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) It is understood that the

programme is being conducted by Dr. Bimal Chhajer. There is no available evidence to show that such a programme resulted in a decline in mortality or the need of re-vascularisation surgery.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

बैढ़न, मध्य प्रदेश में हवाई पट्टी का निर्माण

2305. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बैढ़न (सिंगरौली) जिला सीधी (मध्य प्रदेश) में हवाई पट्टी निर्माणाधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पट्टी के निर्माण में हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी.एम. इब्राहीम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Reimbursement of the cost of Pacemaker to C.G.H.S. beneficiaries

2306. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI-RAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 351 given in the Rajya Sabha on February 29, 1996, and state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to reimburse to C.G.H.S. beneficiaries, the full cost of a pacemaker implanted on is person or his dependent;

(b) if so, the precise decision taken in the matter;

(c) the reasons for denying the full cost of reimbursement in respect of such a pacemaker, when such implantation is considered essential and the cost is reasonable and competitive;

(d) whether any representations received through Members of parliament have been pending for over a year and a half for full and fair reimbursement of the cost of pacemaker implanted; and

(e) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) (a) to (e) The Government have since revised the rates of pacemakers and the reimbursement is made as per the ceiling of the costs fixed or the actual cost of pacemaker, whichever is less. The revised rates, effective from 12.6.96, have been fixed keeping in view the market rate of pacemakers. Thus, the reimbursement of the actual cost of pacemaker is met to a large extent.

Governments shifting from demographic target to mother and child care facilities

2307. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have shifted from demographic targets to mother and child care facilities;

(b) whether the shift has brought about any change in the attitude of those opposed to family planning on grounds of orthodoxy and rigidity in views; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The system of setting contraceptive targets from the top has been replaced by a system of decentralised participatory planning at the Primary Health Centre level with effect from 1st April, 1996. The decentralised planning will take into account the needs of the community for Family Welfare services including mother and child care. This process is expected to bring improvement in quality and greater acceptance of services.

Installation of New High Power T.V. Transmitters in Gujarat

2308. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMAN-BHAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new high power T.V. transmitter centres proposed to be installed in Gujarat;

(b) the amount earmarked for installation of these T.V. transmitter centres, Centre-wise;

(c) by when these are likely to start functioning; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?